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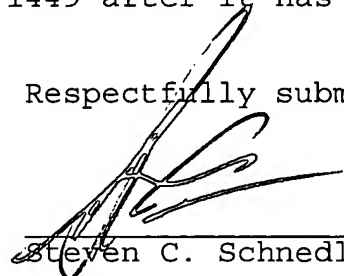
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and made of record therein pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97 and § 1.98. A full-text copy of the "Other" document is enclosed. It is requested that the Examiner return a copy of form PTO-1449 after it has been reviewed.

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